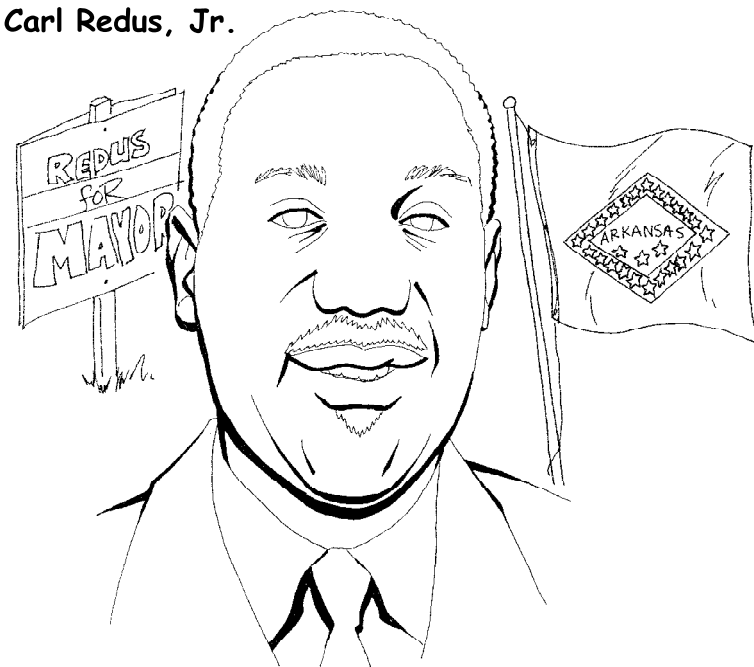


Annie Abrams



Mrs. Annie Abrams is a retired teacher, civic activist, and cultural worker from Arkadelphia. Mrs. Abrams has many life experiences and over 50 honors for community service, including receiving The Making of the King Holiday Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, and being selected as the North American delegate to the United Nations Conference in Switzerland. After the first national observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Mrs. Abrams founded the annual King Holiday Marade in Little Rock with a few community members in her living room. Later, the Marade became a part of the NAACP under the leadership of Rev. Robert Willingham.

Carl Redus, Jr.



On January 3, 2005, Carl Redus, Jr. was sworn in as the first African American mayor of Pine Bluff. Mayor Redus grew up in Pine Bluff and went from grade school through college there at Arkansas AM&N College, now UAPB. After a very rewarding 30-year business career in Atlanta, Georgia, he returned to lead Pine Bluff in a promising direction.

